# MEN ON MISSION

North Carolina Baptists Reaching The World For Christ

#### HURRICANE FLOYD DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS:

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- Meals Provided 935,787 from 11 different staging areas
- Volunteers More than 6,000 so far
- Homes Cleaned Out More than 1,500 from 28 different staging areas
- Much more to do

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Disaster Relief/Recovery efforts continue down east.

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### After The Flood

Just a few days ago I was in a small town in eastern North Carolina where we are doing a lot of disaster relief and rebuilding work. As we were standing there in the middle of town a lady came up to us and asked if there were someone who could help her clean out her flooded house. One of the men with us told her that we would be glad to send volunteers to help her and that she just needed to go to the Baptist church in town to sign up. The church was only two blocks from

where we were standing so it was easy to give her directions. After giving her directions to the church the lady said, "Tve lived in this town all my life and I didn't know that there was a Baptist church there."

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Those words are baunting me. How many people in your community could say that they bave lived there most of their life and they didn't know that there was a Baptist church there? One day this flood and the rebuilding will be over, but this lady will never forget that this Baptist church and Christians, and most importantly, that God cares about and loves her.

Since September 16, more than 935,000 meals have been prepared and served by Baptists to people who were affected by Hurricane Floyd. So far, more than 6,000 NC Baptist volunteers have helped to mud-out and tear-out more than 1,500 homes. The work is just beginning, we need churches and Baptist Men's groups to partner with families that have lost everything. We need your church or Baptist Men's group to help to rebuild a home for a family in eastern North Carolina. On page 14 you will find more information on Baptist C.A.R.E. and see how you can partner with a flooded family to help them rebuild.

Galatians 6:9 says, "So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest."



Richard Bunson

#### NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN'S NEWS

River, truly saw God change the

we know the fear of waiting for

burricanes to come. When our

children were little, we took all

wind. We have lived in areas near the beach all our lives and

My family, living on Newport

our supplies,

bedding and

special keep-

#### God Calms the Storm

The Bible tells us in Psalm 108 that the Lord commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea. Verse 29 savs. " He calms the storm, so the waves are still." Several months ago now, Hurricane Floyd,

When Dennis passed by our way

the first time, I saw something I

had never seen before. The tide

was high. Normally, the

preceded 16 days earlier by Hurricane Dennis, which was followed by Tropical Storm Dennis, passed over eastern North Carolina, leaving flooded homes and shattered lives.

When everyone heard that many were so unfortunate, especially after Floyd passed our way, souls rallied and volunteers poured in to help

have watched the tide rise over the marsh and up into the yard on many occasions - never over the years did the water come into the bouse. Trees and limbs would fall and shingles would fall from the roof, and the lights would go out, but we were always safe. There is a terrible fear that friends and neighbors are having problems and then the sweet relief when the storm passes and the news comes that everyone has survived. When everyone heard that

many were so unfortunate, especially after Floyd passed our way, souls rallied and volunteers poured in to help. In about two bours on Sunday afternoon, Calvary Baptist Church in Beaufort NC, raised two truck loads of supplies (food, cleaning supplies, bedding). I was totally taken back that folks responded so



Raymond Earp

quickly.

If you volunteered, I hope you went with an organized team and received a blessing. Help is still needed, but it is important to find the needs before jumping in. Having a group pull together to help each other is powerful and affirming. It also helps people bond together and is often a healing experience for all who take part. There is something empowering about a community of friends helping each other find love and power. Our mission Friends. GA's and RA's were a part of carrying the supplies to the needy area. After everything was unloaded, our five-year-old grandson, Christopher King, put his tired little hands on his hips and said "We have done missions today."

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to the east to help. Thank all of you who called during and after the storm to check on us. Thank you for all you do in the name of Bat tist Men. Call (252) 728-3070 with any questions or concerns.

Intercoastal waterway would have been in our yard, the marsh would have been covered and docks, boats, etc. would be carried down the river in a swift tide; however, the water disappeared. There was no water in our yard. in the marsh, or near the shore. The wind had blown it all down the way to other land and homes. Our neighbor's homes several miles away, near the rivers were flooded and many lost everything. A small black community known as North River, was flooded and 60 homes lost everything. Homes in the Sea Level, Cedar Island

area (where the ferry goes to Ocracoke) were flooded.

sakes to the living area of the home. This seemed to be the safest area of the home. We

### 2000 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference And Baptist Men's Convention In Raleigh On January 28-29

#### Theme: "Going Where Faith Leads Me…"

Tony Campolo, writer and speaker, and Phil Downer, President, Christian Businessmen's Committee of USA will be the keynote speakers at the 2000 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention, January 28-29, at Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Joining Campolo and Downer will be Jim Royston, Executive Director/Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of NC; Curt Cloninger, one-man theatre to present the Good News of God; Taylor Field, pastor/director of "Graffiti" Ministry; Kyle Matthews, composer/musician.

#### AGENDA: Friday Evening, January 28 Forest Hills Church, Raleigh

**4:45 to 6:45 — Supper** (highlighting work of South Africa, Honduras, Kosovo, and other international volunteer mission efforts)

7:15 to 9:15 — Opening General Session (featuring Tony Campolo)

Saturday, January 29 Forest Hills Church, Raleigh

**9:00 to 11:00** — General Session (featuring Phil Downer – "Going Where Faith Leads in my Marriage")

11:10 to 12 noon — Mission Action Conferences

**12 noon Box Lunch** served from the Disaster Relief unit; eat in the dining hall (suggested donation of \$3 or more per person)

12 noon to 3:00 view Mission Fair Exhibits

1:00 to 1:50 — Mission Action Conferences

2:00 to 2:50 — Mission Action Conferences

**3:00 to 5:00** — General Session (featuring Tony Campolo)

#### 5:00 to 7:00 Supper

(focusing on Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief efforts), Convention concludes with supper on Saturday evening



Tony Campolo



Pbil Downer



Kyle Matthews



Taylor Field



Curt Cloninger



Jim Royston

#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

The meeting is open to all Baptist men and women.

#### COST

- No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received to help offset the program expense.
- \$7.00 Friday Supper featuring International Missions
- \$7.00 Saturday Supper featuring Disaster Relief
- Donations received in meal line for Saturday lunch

#### LODGING OPTIONS

The hotels below have agreed to provide a special convention rate. You will need to make your reservation directly with the one of your choice. Be sure to request the special Baptist State Convention rate. Of course, other hotels are available in the Raleigh area, and you should feel free to choose any you like. Please keep in mind some of the hotels have a block drop date two to three weeks before the check-in date so make your reservation as soon as possible.

- Four Points Sheraton 4501 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh (beside Crabtree Valley Mall) Telephone (919) 787-7111 Rates \$59 plus tax for single/double
- Holiday Inn State Capitol 320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh (two blocks west of state capitol)
  Telephone (919) 832-0501
  Rates \$65 per room plus tax
- Homewood Suites Hotel Crabtree
  5400 Edwards Mill Road (behind Crabtree Valley Mall) Telephone (919) 785-1131 Rates \$75 per room plus tax

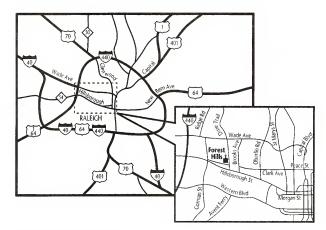
#### **RESERVATION FORM**

#### 2000 NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION

Complete and return by January 17. Please make check payable to NC Baptist Men and mail to PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

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Address		
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Phone: Home	Work	
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# @ \$7.00 per person — Frid	lay supper, Forest	Hills Church
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No registratio	n fee will be cha	rged.

Offering will be received to offset expenses.



Forest Hills Baptist Church 201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh (at the intersection of Dixie Trail and Clark Avenue)

#### Directions:

*From Hillsborough Street:* At the light turn North on Dixie Trail. Forest Hills Baptist Church is a half mile on the left.

*From Wade Avenue:* Turn South on Dixie Trail. Follow Dixie Trail one mile. Church is on the right at the intersection of Dixie Trail and Clark Avenue.

## Appalachian Mountain Ministry Has New Name

What you use to know as "Appalachian Mountain Ministry" has been changed to Appalachian Regional Ministry. This will reduce any future name conflicts with other Appalachian ministries.

Appalachian Regional Ministry has been called into existence by state conventions of the Appalachian region. The ARM purpose statement is: "The Appalachian Regional Ministry is an intentional missions response to the spiritual and physical needs of persons living in the Appalachian region, to mobilize Southern Baptists and their resources to provide ministries, to evangelize the lost, to

strengthen existing churches, and to start new churches in the multi-state region of Appalachia."

The statistical makeup of the Appalachian Regional Ministry region



is: 9 states, 262 counties, 10 SBC conventions, 119 associations, 4,258 SBC churches, 931,470 resident members

of SBC churches, 15,675,597 est. 1997 total population

You may participate in this ministry by contacting Gaylon Moss for an application. Or, if you live in

> the NC Appalachian region, encourage your pastor or association missionary to generate a request for volunteers to do ministry in your area. Ask for the request form to be sent to your pastor or associational leadership.

Contact: Gaylon Moss, NC State Coordinator, Appalachian Regional

Ministry, (800) 395-5102 ext. 333

- fax (919) 460-6329
- gmoss@bscnc.org

## **Operation Inasmuch 2000 – Training Set For March 24-25**

#### What Is It?

A day devoted to helping people at their points of need, reaching out to others with Christian love and understanding, fostering interracial harmony through working together, a surge in spiritual growth, a community blitz by Christians on mission.

Snyder Memorial Church in Favetteville ministers to their community by mobilizing volunteers for a one-day missions blitz. Everything from construction to sewing is a missions opportunity for Snyder volunteers

"Then the King will say to those at this right hand, '...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me ..... Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:34-36, 40.

On March 24-25 you too can have a chance to learn how to do an Operation Inasmuch in your community! Two trainees from each church

learn the "book-work" on Friday night and actually see the work on Saturday. You will take a bus ride to the different sites to see how Church volunteers accomplish much in one dav.

Registration cost is \$20, and this includes a manual on "how to" and two meals (Friday supper and Saturday lunch). The training begins around suppertime Friday evening.

Make checks payable to North Carolina Baptist Men. Hotel accommodations are available near the church and we will most likely block rooms for this event. There is a limit of two persons per church.

Questions? Call Gaylon Moss at (800) 395-5105 ext. 333 or e-mail gmoss@bscnc.org

To register, use the form on the back page.



#### **Refugee Resettlement**

In 1998, 70 Southern Baptist churches resettled a total 689 people. This resulted in 108 professions of faith and 55 baptisms. Six hundredtwenty-five were enrolled there in Bible Study. You may be surprised but of these 18 nations represented, most came from only two regions of the world; the former USSR and Africa. The others are Cuba, Iraq, Iran, and Vietnam.

Recently I heard someone name Jesus as a refugee. At first this sounds off-color but King Herod made it clear that he wanted Jesus killed. Therefore, Joseph and Mary fled their country to seek refuge in Egypt. God looks after refugees. He commands us also to make a place for and to be hospitable to refugees. The Bible is filled with the movement of people from country to country: Abraham (who started it all?), Moses (Let my people go!), Israelites (forced out of the Promised Land by God for their sin), Jesus, and the Diaspora (the large movement of Christians from Jerusalem after Stephen was stoned.)

To be involved in the lives of people from around the world, first consult with your pastor. Second, involve the church in the decision making — they will need to vote to become a refugee sponsor. Lastly, contact Gaylon Moss (800) 395-5102 ext. 333, gmoss@bscnc.org at North Carolina Baptist Men for a "Sponsorship Information Form". Complete this form and return, or, contact Richard Robinson at the North American Mission Board (770) 410-6343.

Remember, "Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt." (Exodus 23:9 NIV)

#### Baptist Men's Day is Sunday January 22, 2000

The fourth Sunday in January is always designated Baptist Men's Day on the Southern Baptist calendar. The observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 22. This special day for Baptist men has a rich heritage, which was begun in 1933. If January 22 is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day, reschedule this emphasis later in your church.

Baptist Men's Day is an opportunity to build the worship services around the laymen of the church. Too often they are neglected and the contributions they make to the life of the church ignored. Make this a special day for them. By doing so, the church family is strengthened. Remember that one of the greatest needs of our society today is for strong male role models.

To kick off Baptist Men's Day weekend, consider planning a Saturday morning breakfast followed by a wood splitting or hands-on missions project on the day before Baptist Men's Day.

Work with your pastor to plan the Baptist Men's Day service. Recognize one or two outstanding men in your church. Present them with a certificate of appreciation or a recognition plaque.

Include as many men in both services as possible. Go beyond having them take up the collection, distribute bulletins, and usher. Have them read Scripture passages, lead congregational singing, and participate in a men's choir.

The service could be built around men sharing testimonies of their missions involvement. Give at least three men five minutes each to share about their personal ministries. Be sure to include participants from church mission projects in other cities, as well as individuals who have become active locally in specific ministries.

A Baptist Men's video which highlights how to have a balanced



#### **Mission Statement**

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help N.C. churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

• enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities

• encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries

• educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities

• teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions

 lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.

men's ministry in your church is available through the NC Baptist Men's office. To order your free copy of this inspirational video as well as Baptist Men's Day planning ideas contact: NC Baptist Men at (800) 395-5102, ext. 331 or write NC Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 2512.

## Baptist Men's Day Video Available

### Alaska Partnership Begins

January 2000 is the beginning date of a new partnership NC Baptists are entering into with the state of Alaska. The Alaska Baptist Convention, which began in 1946, has 103 congregations. Alaskan pastors are very excited about the prospect of working with NC Baptists in various mission endeavors.

The first batch of requests have arrived from Alaska and have been mailed to each church and associational office. The projects vary greatly in



Eddie Lindsey, specialist in Church Planting, NAMB

purpose, length of stay, and number of team members requested. Some churches will take care of meals and lodging for team members — others ask that the team members provide one or both of these. Some of the projects requested include: Vacation Bible School, construction, retreats, leadership training, and administrative assistance. There are also some requests for longer term personnel, such as interim pastors and other ministers.

Once a team or individual has had a chance to look over the list of project requests, they should contact Mark Abernathy at (800) 395-5102 ext. 335. If the skills of the team or individual fit those which are requested, a match will be made. The Partnership coordinator in Alaska will be notified that the request has been filled.

Each member on the team then needs to submit (through the team leader) a completed Partnership application, along with a check for \$15 (which will cover orientation materials, T-shirt, and trip insurance.) Individuals who may want to respond to a request for a team will be referred to the designated team leader.

Each team will work out its own travel arrangements. (Thus far, because of the popularity of the destination, the airlines have been unwilling to offer a contract rate as they have for many of our partnerships. We will continue to pursue this possibility. If a contract is secured, we will publicize it.)

After a match is made, the NC team leader will correspond with the person in Alaska making the request, in order to work out the details of the trip. The team leader will inform NCBM as to the exact trip dates so that adequate trip insurance can be secured.

A report / evaluation form needs to be completed after the trip. This information will assist us in preparing for future projects and in keeping records on completed mission assignments.

If you have any questions about this exciting partnership, or if you would like to receive a list of requests, please call Mark Abernathy at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335.



## AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

## Now Is The Time To Begin Planning For Ag Missions

In the world of professional sports, we hear people speak of the "off season." That time of year when the players, drivers and teams are not competing with one another. But if you have ever spent much time on a farm, you quickly see that there really isn't an "off season." Sure, the crops are harvested in the summer and fall, but work continues year round. There's equipment to be repaired, fields to be prepared, and seed to be chosen for the next planting season.

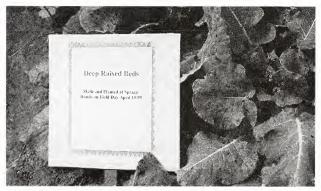
If you are interested in conducting agricultural missions work during the year 2000, NOW is the time to begin preparing for these activities. I believe that there are two types of preparation that need to take place in order to be ready to minister to the needs of others during this year.

First, you need to make some physical preparations. By that I mean you need to decide exactly what you want to do, and how you want to accomplish this task. If you, and your Baptist Men's group want to start a community garden to help feed the hungry in your community, you can't wait until spring to remember. You must secure the necessary land and prepare that land for next year's crop. There are seed that must be ordered and equipment to be purchased or borrowed.

Sadly, I meet with Baptist Men leaders who say, "I'd love to have a community garden to help feed the poor in our community, but I guess I waited too late to start this year." Now is the time to begin to prepare for next year's mission projects. Don't miss another opportunity to serve others in Jesus' name; begin your preparations today.

Secondly, you need to make some spiritual preparations. These preparations are even more important than the physical preparation, for it is when you are prepared spiritually, that every day agricultural pursuits become mission work.

Take stock of your "equipment." By that I mean the relationships you may need to tune up and repair in order to be on Mission for Jesus agriculturally this year. Are there strained relationships between you and other men in your church's Baptist Men group that need repairing? Are there relationships between you and the Baptist Men in other churches in your com-



Winter is the time to plan for spring planting of community gardens and other agricultural mission projects.

munity that need attention? Are there relationships between your church and local agencies, that work with the poor that you need to develop in order to truly minister to the poor and hungry next year? It is during this supposed, "off season" that you need to tune up, rebuild, repair and secure these relationships, for if you wait until next spring, you will miss your opportunity to minister.

Next. consider the soil in which you will work. Do you remember the Parable of the Sower in Mattnew 13? Jesus tells the story of a farmer who sows a variety of fields, each with a different type of soil. Some of the fields are full of rocks, others are full of weeds, and others are suitable for cultivation of crops. Jesus makes it clear that the soil of which He speaks is actually the hearts of men, women, boys and girls. During this season you and I need to be hard at work preparing the fields, the soils, the hearts of others to receive the gospel of Christ. We need to remove the rock-like barriers between our church and our community. We need to pull up by the roots the weedy prejudices that tend to sprout and choke out our witness. And we need to make commitments to faithfully and earnestly sow every field where the harvest is promising. There is much work to be done this winter to prepare for the seed we will sow next spring. Christians must understand that we earn the right to share the gospel; and it is during the "off season" that you and I should be preparing others to receive the seed we will sow next spring.

Finally, secure the seed you'll need to sow. Let me direct you back to the Parable of the Sower, for it is within this story that Jesus reveals the precious nature of the seed we sow. The seed that we sow

are none other than the "old, old story of Jesus and His love." It is the message of the gospel that we are to sow upon and within the hearts of men.

Too many times, our mission endeavors fail to sprout and produce more fruit for we sow the wrong seed. We will fail if we sow the seed that promote our local church. We will fail if we sow the seed that promote our denomination. But we will never fail if we sow the seed of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Let us not be deceived in to thinking that simply giving people a few tomatoes, potatoes, corn and cucumbers will accomplish the great commission. Our work will only be complete when we first share the fruits of labor, and then follow up by sharing our faith, that is introducing others to "the Bread of Life" and the "Living Water."

Hopefully, you see that the winter is really NOT the "off season" but is in actuality just as important as all the activities of next spring and summer. If you would like to be actively involved in agricultural missions during the next year and desire more information on how to accomplish this great task, contact: Jim Canterberry, State Coordinator for Agricultural Missions, or your regional Agricultural Missions representative. *Jim Canterberry State Aericulture Missions Coordinator* 

State Agriculture Missions Coordinator 1325 Mellon Court Cary, NC 27511 (919) 467-3126

#### AVIATION MINISTRY

#### Ministering Through Aviation Missions

NCBM Aviation Ministry Pilot, Joey Bridges, flies his first "Angel Flight."

Several years ago when our Aviation Ministry was just getting started, one of our first goals as an aviation ministry was to educate ourselves about the other kinds of aviation ministries that were already in operation and what their goals were.

We only had a few pilots signed up then, but we planned a Ministry Fly-In at JAARS (Jungle Aviation And Radio Service ) in Waxsaw, NC during one of their "Saturday see JAARS days." (JAARS trains pilots as Aviation Missionaries for work as pilots overseas and in jungle areas. Much of the training is for flying in bush country with take offs and landing on the sides of mountains, etc. Not my idea of fun flying.)

Our Royal Ambassadors had come with me to see JAARS and we came in our church bus because I couldn't get the 12 boys and two adults in my cub plane. ( Boy, what a way to go to a fly-in.).

As we were walking from the JAARS parking lot toward the entrance, I saw another Royal Ambassador group walking just ahead of us. I overheard one of the RA leaders telling the other leaders from his church, that he had gotten a letter from some Bob Foy guy informing him that NCBM was starting an Aviation Ministry. The man talking said that he was a pilot and was going to get back with that Bob Foy fellow, and see what it was all about.

Of course, I couldn't let the unique opportunity slip by, so I stepped closer to him, put my hand on his shoulder and told him that he shouldn't keep Bob Foy waiting, and he needed to get in touch with him as soon as possible. I introduced myself to him and that was the day I met pilot Joey Bridges and began a friendship with this neat committed Royal Ambassador leader and pilot.

Our Aviation Ministry set some really good guidelines and requirements for a pilot to act as Pilot In Command (PIC) of a ministry flight. A pilot must have 250 hours of flight time, have a IFR rating (Instrument Flight Rules) license to fly using the instruments only, without any visual references, such as in clouds and fog), and have 25 hours of experience in the type aircraft he will use to fly a mission.

When I met Joey, he did not have his IFR rating, and therefore could not fly a mission as PIC, but was very interested in getting involved with the Aviation Ministry. Last year, our ministry sponsored a Pilot IFR Ground School, to help pilots get the written part of the IFR rating passed off. Joey signed up and a short time later, he took his check ride (flight) and received his IFR rating. (I don't know if he was that good of a student or if the Certified Flight Instructors that taught the Ground School classes were just such good instructors.)

On November 6th, Joey made his first Angel Flight, as a PIC, flying a lung cancer patient from Tuscaloosa, AL to Dalton, GA. Angel Flight Pilots volunteer their time at no cost to the patients, and I'm sure Joey will be making many more such flights as he shows our Lord's Love in his unique new way of Ministering in God's name.

Keep Joey and our Aviation Ministry in your prayers as we seek to reach more pilots for service to God's people who are in need of medical treatment and transportation to the hospitals where that specialized treatment is available. If you know of a pilot who may want to get involved, please let us know.

Charles Mullens State Aviation Coordinator 220 S. Englewood Drive Rocky Mount, NC 27804 (252) 443-0300

## My First Angel Flight as Pilot-in-Command

BY JOEY BRIDGES

It was a beautiful fall day in November, the weather was clear and the visibility was unlimited. You couldn't ask for any better. I had volunteered for this flight a week earlier and finally the day was here. My jacket didn't stay on long after the preflight was complete, because being my first Angel Flight, I suppose I was a little nervous.

It is always nice to have someone along for company and to help with the charts and stuff, so I invited my dad to come along with me. He sure was a big help and it was good to spend some time with him. He likes to fly and I think he enjoyed the fact that we helped some folks that needed it.

The first leg of our flight was from Greenville, South Carolina to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was smooth as silk and the world seemed like such a different place from 8000 feet. It made me happy that we fly these missions instead of drive them. After almost three hours of flying we were second in line to land following a twin on final approach into Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport. The Gessna 172 that I was flying gave a little bounce on touchdown and we were there. The first thing I was asked as I approached the counter was "Are you here for the game." I said no and we were given the courtesy car to go get some lunch. That day Alabama played Louisiana State at Tuscaloosa and the airport was very busy with people coming in for the game. The lady behind the counter said it was busier than she had ever seen it there.

After a short wait, we met the man and his wife that we were to take home. Their names are Jerry and Elizabeth Fielden. They were very nice. I asked if I could take their picture and they agreed. Then they surprised me and asked for our picture. They said they wanted a picture of all the people who had helped them. They had been to Houston for some tests for Jerry. He has lung cancer and was on his way home with bad news. Even so, he was cheerful.

We had an uneventful flight from Tuscaloosa to Dalton, Georgia where they lived. They thanked us and we went our separate ways. It truly was a blessing to do this mission.

Over the mountains of North Georgia, it was a little bumpy but beautiful. The evening was here and



the shadows were getting longer. After an hour and fifteen minutes we were cleared to land back at Greenville downtown airport. The runway lights were on by now and I was tired. What a day! I slept very well that night.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this way. He gives us gifts that I believe we should use in His service. For your own encouragement read I Peter 4:9-11. That scripture is what inspires me to be involved with the North Carolina Baptist Men and Angel Flight.

Charles Mullens

State Aviation Coordinator 220 S. Englewood Drive Rocky Mount, NC 27804 (252) 443-0300



## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

#### **Quality Retreat Time for Fathers/Children**

Baptist Men and The North Carolina Baptist Assembly are teaming up to offer three opportunities in 2000 you can schedule as priority time for fun and growth with your son or daughter.

"Impact" is a father-son event happening at NC Baptist Assembly March 17-18. This retreat is designed for fathers with sons in 4th through 7th grades. Dads will discuss being their son's coach in preparing for life. There is also scheduled time to work with their son on building skills in a sport of the son's choosing.

March 31-April 1 is reserved for Dads and Daughters to come for bonding time around the theme "In the Spotlight"

There will be time for dads to affirm daughters for their individuality, times for fun together, and times for dads to encourage and support each other as they raise their daughters. Designed for girls in 1st through 5th grades.

In the fall dads with sons in kindergarten through 4th grade can plan for a great time September 29-30 when the theme is "Treasure Island." One never knows when pirates may appear, as dads are reminded of the treasures they polish as a parent and boys learn that family and faith are true treasures for them.

Retreats begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday and conclude 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Costs are \$40 per person for one night in bunkstyle housing and two meals (Saturday).

Optional extra night and meals for remaining to enjoy local attractions (Myrtle Beach, Wilmington, seafood restaurants, fishing, movies, etc.) Call for details.



Call the Assembly (910) 278-9501 or e-mail Gaylin Huff, Conference Coordinator at Caswell at ghuff@ncbaatCaswell.org for registration information. Registration closes 10 days prior to events.



## DISASTER RELIEF

## Hurricane Floyd Provides Many Opportunities for Ministry

The year 1999 has been one to remember when it comes to disasters. Hurricanes seem to love the North Carolina coast. Dennis came back a second time. Floyd just came by once, and that was enough. Floods in the east and drought in the west-what a year. The one thing that never changes is the hearts of North Carolina Baptist volunteers. Our feeding volunteers made three and four trips to the east to feed during the floods and hurricanes. They served 935,787 meals total, with our units feeding 280.000 of this number. I don't have the number of volunteers that did this but it was made of some new and some old hands.

The recovery teams have also made numerous trips to do mudouts and clean-up which will be ongoing for some time.

I invite you and your church to be a part of this effort through Operation C.A.R.E. with the Baptist Men's office. Adopt a church or family to help during their time of need. Call the Baptist Men's Office for details.

I want to take this time to thank all the volunteers who have helped in any way during these



storms. I know you have been blessed for your hard work and sacrifices of your time and money. Without people like you, we could not have a Disaster Relief program. You are who makes it such a great ministry and who enables us to meet our comittments to do disaster relief when we are called, whether it be in North Carolina, another state or half way around the world in Turkey. I would also ask you to lift up the victims of Floyd and the earthquake in Turkey in your prayers. These people will most likely be out of their homes this winter. In Turkey, they will spend the entire winter in tents.

Also thank God that no more lives were lost in these disasters. Again thank you, volunteers, for a job well done.

Lyman Fisher State Disaster Relief Coordinator 1679 Blanton Branch Road Sylva, NC 28779 (828) 586-5405



## Baptist C.A.R.E. (Churches Assisting Recovery Efforts) (Hurricane Floyd Disaster Recovery, "Church-to-Family" Partnership)

Numerous churches and associations (from in state and out of state) want to partner with affected families for Hurricane Floyd disaster recovery. The Baptist State Convention has developed a plan to help get resources where they are most needed and to coordinate these with Baptist churches and associations. Lots of resources (supplies, people, financial, prayer) are available and care needs to be taken to use these resources where they will do the most to rebuild lives and build the Kingdom.

1. Baptist pastors (in the flood affected areas) have been sent a form that they can use to sign up flooded families who wish to be partnered with a church or church group (Sunday School class, mission group, etc.). The family does not have to be church members or even Christians.

2. The partner churches would meet with the hurricane-affected family to determine needs in the family that could be met by the partner church. The partner church would seek to assist their partner family through prayer, rebuilding and in other mutually agreed upon ways.

3. The partner church should include the affected church pastor in the planning of projects. The partner churches should keep the association and the state convention office informed of their projects so that associational and state resources can be secured to help meet those needs (if available) and to avoid duplication of efforts.

4. The partner churches should coordinate their rebuilding efforts with Convention-sponsored building efforts so that partner and convention resources are both utilized and efforts are coordinated and maximized.

5. Prayer should be an important aspect of this partnership. 6. The State Convention is working to get volunteers to help with the long-term rebuilding. Most of the funds that are contributed for Hurricane Floyd disaster relief will go to provide for building materials for rebuilding homes and churches. These funds will not be enough and partner funds will also be needed to provide for needed building materials.



(Return to NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or FAX: (919) 460-6329) □ Yes, we would like to partner with a Hurricane Floyd affected family.

Your Name		 			 
Address				-	 
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#### **Church-to-Family Partnerships** (Information for churches who are partnering with a family for Hurricane Floyd recovery efforts/Baptist C.A.R.E. (Churches Assisting Recovery Efforts)

1. What is the Goal of These **Church-to-Family Partnerships?** On a state level our goal is to help 1000 families who have been flooded out to rebuild their homes. We hope to do this by partnering 1000 churches or church groups (Sunday School classes, mission groups, etc.) with 1000 families that are trying to rebuild their homes. The main goal of these partnerships is to build a relationship between churches and the flood-affected family. Out of this relationship, we hope that the partner church provides pravers, construction volunteers and other assistance to the rebuilding family.

2. How are the Partner Families Selected? There is a onepage application that the family fills out to request that they be partnered with a church. On this application the family indicates that they are willing to allow volunteers to work on their home and they are willing to contribute any FEMA or other funds that they have to purchase building materials for the rebuilding of their home. The partner family also indicates rebuilding, prayer and other needs that they have. The family does not have to be church members or even Christians to be partnered with a church. The partner church also fills out a one-page application indicating that they want to partner with a family.

3. Is There Any **Requirement that a Church** Provide a Certain Amount of Money Toward the Rebuilding of the Partner Family's Home? No, this is between the homeowner and the partner church. The Baptist State Convention is providing up to \$1000 per home for building materials for the partner church to use in rebuilding the home. Most homeowners will get some money from FEMA and other sources that they will put toward building materials. Whatever your church can do will be greatly appreciated by the family and will put them much further down the road to recovery than they would have been otherwise. The partner church/partner family need to meet (at the beginning of their partnership) in order decide what the church volunteers will be able to

accomplish with the funds/resources that they have available.

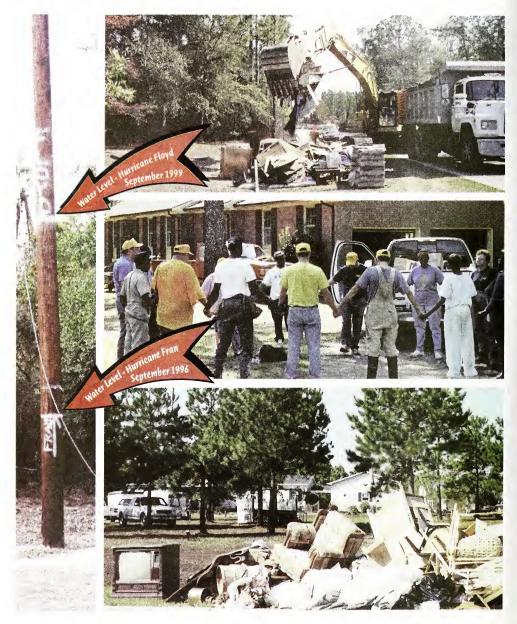
4. What Other Ways are There to Help the Partner Family? Just your willingness to partner with the family is a great encouragement that gives that family hope. Other things that you can do include: calling on a regular basis to see how they are doing, asking about their prayer needs and listing these in your church bulletin, collecting needed used furniture and appliances, inviting them to your church for a weekend, etc. There is great hope when people know that you care and that they are not forgotten.

5. How Do We Sign-up to be Partnered with a Family? Contact the Baptist Men's office at the Baptist State Convention to request to partner with a family. Call (800) 395-5102, ext. 327 or (919) 467-5100, ext. 327 or write to Baptist C.A.R.E., P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Just ask about the Church-to-Family Partnership.



# **Hurricane Floyd Photos**

Provided by Fran Funderburg



# 2000 North Carolina Offering for Older Adults

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA. INC.

FEBRUARY 6-13, 2000 GOAL \$450,000

The retirement communities of Baptist Retirement Homes are filled with Older Adults whose lives are wonderful examples of making a difference through loving service to family, community, country, and church.

While meeting and overcoming the challenges of the past century, they built exemplary lives around the values they cherish: honor, courage, service, love of family and country, and a deep sense of personal responsibility.

The values that sustain the Older Adults of "the greatest generation" are a cherished legacy to be carried into the new millennium.

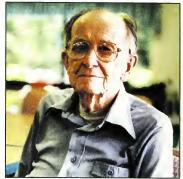


"No matter where you go or what you do in life, be tolerant and have compassion." — Mary Francis

Mary Francis is a charter resident of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville. During her 21 years in Assisted Living there, she has enjoyed an enriched and vigorous life that includes regular participation in activities at West Asheville Baptist Church. She has been a Sunday School teacher and Women's Missionary Union (WMU) group leader. Prior to moving to the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, she served as a WMU director for the Haywood Baptist Association.

Throughout her life, Mary Francis has inspired others with her zest for living and her compassion for her fellow man. During her years as a U.S. Army nurse in World War II, she cared for Allied soldiers and German and Italian prisoners of war from a front-line medical unit. As a career health professional, she cared for those who could not care for themselves and, later, focused her efforts on teaching young nurses the skills and understanding they needed to become effective patient advocates.

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home offers Mary Francis a continuum of care. Although she enjoys her semiindependent lifestyle in Assisted Living, she is reassured in knowing that if she should require nursing care, it will be available immediately and will continue as long as she needs it.



"Make every day better than the one before it." — Frank Bishop

Frank Bishop began coming to the Western North Carolina Baptist Home to visit his wife who entered as a resident in the Rickman Nursing Center. He made daily visits, spending precious time with her as her health declined. Only months after her death, Frank himself became a resident of the Home.

Frank, a World War II veteran, has found pleasure and meaning in fulfilling the personal and community responsibilities entrusted to him. His life has been a study in commitment: as a loving husband throughout 62 years of marriage; as a valued employee of Wachovia Bank for 41 years; and as a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Asheville, where he served as treasurer for many years.

This year, The Fowler Memory-Enhanced Residence was opened at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home. It is an area especially designed for Older Adults who suffer from dementia-related disorders like Alzheimer's Disease. The residents live in a home-like environment in which they can continue the daily activities that have always been part of their routine: The kitchen is open for making a midnight snack ... The desk in the den is scattered with papers just right for shuffling . . . And the adjoining garden area beckons them to venture out on a sunny day. The familiarity of both setting and lifestyle brings residents comfort and reassurance.



"The good things you do for others are like ripples in the water - they go on and on." — Thelma Gough

Thelma Gough has been a resident of The Taylor House in Albemarle since 1989. Even before visiting The Taylor House, Thelma learned about Baptist Retirement Homes and supported its work through her home church, Marston Baptist Church in Richmond County. As she began looking toward her retirement years, she visited The Taylor House and knew she had found a home.

Like many of her generation, Thelma believes the secret of a happy life is serving others. She willingly shares her time with friends. Almost daily, she reads to a friend whose eyesight is not what it used to be. She is the accompanist for weekly chapel services at The Taylor House and regards playing and singing the great hymns of faith as one of her special joys.

Thelma is a wonderful reminder of how meaningful life can be in an Assisted Living environment. Residents at both The Hamilton Home in Hamilton and The Taylor House in Albemarle enjoy the security and companionship of sharing life with their resident extended families while receiving the assistance they need to maintain a quality lifestyle. Many residents fill their rooms with cherished furnishings, plants, and knickknacks. Common areas are warm and inviting, and there's always a friend waiting to chat. Should they need or want assistance, Home staff members offer a helping hand and a friendly smile.



"Take a strong faith with you as you enter the new millennium." — Madae Lanaford

Madge Langford learned about The Taylor House from her children. Knowing that she was considering an Assisted Living facility but had not found one that seemed like home, her children visited The Taylor House and called to tell her about it. After an initial visit, she joined The Taylor House family and moved into a bright, sunny room.

Madge exemplifies the strong faith and love of family so characteristic of the men and women of her generation. When her husband, a successful business man, felt called to the ministry, she enthusiastically accepted her responsibilities as a minister's wife while her husband served in pastorates and as a Director of Missions.

Madge serves as an example of how the Homes across the state work together to meet the needs of residents. Since entering The Taylor House, she has experienced physical problems that called for short-term skilled nursing care and specialized rehabilitation. On two occasions, she transferred to the Prince Nursing Center at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. The nursing staff and affiliated medical professionals provided the skilled and transitional care she needed.

After each visit, she returned to her extended family at The Taylor House, confident that in the Assisted Living environment, she would have plenty of support as she resumed normal activities. Just as these role models emeritus have made a difference in the lives of those around them, we have the opportunity and privilege of making a difference in their lives. Many aging saints cannot afford to pay for the care they need to make their later years happy and secure. Gifts received through the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults are used to help underwrite the cost of care for residents who need financial assistance. The goal for this year's offering is \$450,000. Your generous support helps the "Homes" make life for Older Adults the Best of Times.

#### Brookridge Retirement Community

1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336) 759-1044

 A continuing care retirement community: accommodations for independent living, assisted living, and nursing care

#### The Gardens of Taylor Glen

(under development) P.O. Box 2940 Concord, NC 28052 (704) 788-6510

 A continuing care retirement community: accommodations for independent living, assisted living, and nursing care

Hamilton Baptist Home

301 North Railroad Street Hamilton, NC 27840 (252) 798-5901

 An assisted living residence

#### In-Home Care, Inc.

1042 W. 25th St. Winston-Salem, NC 27104 (336) 722-1470

 Providing in-home nursing and therapy services

#### The Taylor House

319 Palmer Street Albemarle, NC 28001 (704) 982-4217

 An assisted living residence

Western North Carolina Baptist Home 213 Richmond Hill Drive Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 254-9675

• A combination community: accommodations for assisted living and nursing care

## BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES LOCATIONS STATEWIDE

BROOKRIDGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME BAPTIST HOME

THE GARDENS OF TAYLOR GLEN
THE TAYLOR HOUSE

# Retirement living options fit individual needs:

Independent living for active Older Adults who want a lifestyle full of activities in an enjoyable and secure setting.

Assisted Living for Older Adults who need assistance with daily living activities, such as housekeeping, bathing, dressing, medications, and meals.

Nursing Care for Older Adults who need skilled or intermediate nursing care provided by health care professionals.

Special Services to promote aging with comfort, autonomy, and dignity for Older Adults, especially those who suffer from Alzheimers Disease and other dementiarelated disorders.

**R**espite Care for Older Adults needing temporary care.

*Home Health Care services for Older Adults who need nursing services in their home.* 

## Baptist Elder Care Network

It's simple. We simply answer questions about the needs of aging persons.

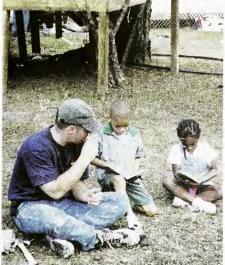
Provided by a statewide system of resource counselors.

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As a courtesy to you — A service of Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

## 1-800-887-7410











## HOMELAND MISSIONS

## **Homeland Projects**

When people of eastern North Carolina tell their children and grandchildren "I remember when" stories, the year 1999 will be the point of reference for many. Because of the devastating floods caused by excessive rain, thousands of people have lost most or all of their earthly possessions. Many NC Baptist men and women have helped prepare and serve meals, clean up, and are beginning to help rebuild and/or repair houses and other buildings in the affected areas. The need for help will continue for many years. When you or a group from your church can help, contact the Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, extension 331, to get your work assignment. The weekly assignments are made on Monday of each week, and volunteers can work one day or as many days as they can help during the week.

We continue to need volunteers for our ongoing projects. Some of these are listed here:

#### Loves Creek Hispanic Mission: Siler City

This church building is nearing completion, and the faithful group is beginning to see that light at the end of the tunnel. With your help finishing the painting, interior trim, electrical work, plumbing and floor tile, the congregation can be using the building at Christmas, 1999. When you and/or your group can help, call David Ritter, on-site coordinator at (919) 742-4575 or Roy Helms (919) 742-4821 at the church or (919) 742-4298 at home.

#### Wiggins Road Baptist Church: Mooresville

This project is also in the final stages. Volunteers are needed to help with finish work, painting, plumbing fixtures, cabinet work, insulation, and landscaping. Contact Gene Dellinger at (704) 664-9150 to schedule a time to help this congregation.

#### Joshua House, Western Carolina Mission:Asheville

The addition to this mission is progressing. The building is now "dried in," and most of the exterior work is completed. Volunteers are now needed to finish the interior of the building. Work that needs to be done includes partition framing, sheetrock hanging and finishing, electrical work, flooring, and painting. A welder is needed to install metal steps on the outside of the building. When you can help with this worthwhile project, call (828) 254-0471 and talk with Bill Tyler or Bob Cummings. Either man can coordinate your time to work.

#### Work Crews Needed At Camp Caraway

Work groups are needed to help in carrying out a number of projects at Camp Caraway. Most of these projects are to be conducted at the youth camp, which serves as the Royal Ambassador camp during the summer months.

Projects include: construction of a canoe storage building; construction of a bathhouse at the pool; construction of a footbridge on the trail to Westwoods



lodge; construction of a pole barn shelter for equipment; construction of a shooting platform at the air rifle range; close in gabled roofs of two bathhouses. Contact Jimmy Huffman or Steve Garner at (336) 629-2374.

#### Mundo Vista, GA Camp: Asheboro

Reworking and improving the cabins is continuing on this site. Volunteers are needed for all kinds of construction skills. With the addition of space for bathrooms, we need carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, and floor tile setters. This project has been ongoing for several years, but Bob Navey hopes they can finish the renovations before next camping season. When this remodeling is done, the camp can be used year-round. If you can help with this work, call Bob Wainwright at (919) 693-5005 or Bob Navey at (336) 625-4823.

#### NC Baptist Assembly: Caswell

There was little damage to the assembly from the hurricanes of 1999. God protected our facilities there in a wonderful way. Work is continuing on restoring Lantana. The building has been gutted and is now ready for rebuilding. There are several other buildings that are being repaired this winter. Please continue to bring your volunteers to Caswell to help keep the facility in Good repair. When you come to work, the food is cheap and good, and the lodging is provided. Call (910) 278-9501 to schedule your group. David Lloyd or John Bowling will help you.

#### Handyman Ministries: Everywhere in NC

We have many needs in our own churches and communities. Some of us are unable to go to other places to do missions. For those, there are always things that can be done to help people who can no longer do for themselves. Small repair jobs do not require much of your time, but many people can use your help. Now is a good time to organize a handyman ministry in your church if you do not already have one. If I can help you with organizing your group, call me at (919) 542-3819.

## Baptist Student Union at NC Colleges and Universities

There are many minor and major repair needs at the BSU buildings in NC. North Carolina Baptist Men are needed to help with those needs. The BSU is a home for many college students and presents one of our greatest ministries. To receive more information, call Kay Huggins at (800) 395-5102, ext. 221 or (919) 782-2450, at his home.

Bill Poindexter State Homeland Missions Coordinator 179 Dogwood Lane Pittsboro, NC 27312 (919) 542-3580







## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

## Honduras Missions Changing Lives

As of the first week in November 1999, NC Baptist Men have sent a total of 862 volunteers in 79 teams to Honduras to help people rebuild their lives in the wake of damage caused by Hurricane Mitch. By the end of 1999 it is anticipated that over a thousand will have served, marking the largest number of volunteers the NC Baptist State Convention has ever sent to one place in any given year.

Most teams are constructing 20'x 18' block houses for those whose house was either destroyed or damaged by Mitch, or which was condemned by the government as unsafe. For the most part, teams have been working side by side with the family, and have been interacting with a local Baptist Church. The efforts of NC Baptists have served to strengthen the work and witness of Honduran Baptists, who represent a vast minority in the predominately Catholic nation.

Seven medical teams have also served in Honduras during the past year. These teams have provided medical care for those who rarely



have the chance to receive it. Many of these teams have gone to remote places, where they have treated 900-1200 people. They have also had a unique opportunity to share



the word of Christ with those they minister to physically.

We have 101 teams planned for the year 2000. At this point half of those teams have been filled. There is still plenty of room for churches who want to be involved. Cost of the trip is \$750 per person, which includes round-trip airfare, food, lodging, in-country transportation, trip insurance, and orientation materials. Teams are limited to no more than 12 individuals. Construction teams should have at least two members who are knowledgeable in blocklaying and who can lead the rest of the team in this activity. It is highly suggested that each team have someone who speaks Spanish as well.

For information on available trip dates, or to sign up for a week, call Mark Abernathy at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335. Pray about being involved in this exciting and meaningful ministry.

## LAY REVIVAL

## Brazil '99 — Manaus, Amazonas, July 28-August 9, 1999

N.C. Baptist men Doug Ewing, Blemont, NC: Wavne Young, Hildebran. NC: and myself were part of a team of 53 volunteers from 14 states led by Wayne Bristow, SBC Evangelist, who participated in the Partnership Evangelism Mission Project of the I.M.B. SBC and Brazil's Amazonas Baptist Convention. Embracing the theme of "Jesus Christ is the Only Hope" for their Crusade of 55 churches in Manaus, they had been praying and preparing for us to join them in 10 days of Evangelistic Outreach to their city of two million people in the middle of the Amazon Rain Forest for a year. They were praying that the Campaign would result in 5,000 souls finding new life in Jesus Christ and asking for 5,000 churches in the USA to join them in praying for this goal.

In Manaus we broke down into 22 teams and worked with churches or congregations, sharing the gospel in the homes, visiting in schools, engaging in personal evangelism, and leading in evangelistic services each evening. I was asked to lead a team, and Kevin Garrett, Sp. Agt. S.B.I. Oklahoma, Stroud, OK was my teammate. The Lord worked it out for us to have great interpreters during our stay. Tory Nickerson, son of Missionary Victor Nickerson and a sophomore at the University of Florida worked with Kevin, and Manuel Silva, former Law Professor. Deacon of F.B.C. and a Gideon, worked with me. They were literally our mouth pieces and we could not have done anything without them.

On Sunday morning, we began our ministry with Pastor Francisco Soares and Alto Ebenezer Baptist Congregation in an area carved out of the Rain Forest. At the 9:00 a.m. worship service, Kevin and I shared our testimonies and I gave an invitation. I had learned from previous trips to Brazil that the Sunday evening service was the evangelistic service. To my utter amazement, 15 people came forward making decisions for Christ, 10 on profession of faith and five on re-dedications. After the service

we teamed up into two teams for witnessing visitation. In the first home we visited and shared, four adults prayed to rededicate their lives and two teen-agers in the home prayed

to receive Christ. Kevin's team had three professions of faith, and at the evening service, eight more came forward and prayed to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Thirtytwo decisions (23 professions of faith and nine re-dedications), what a great day in the Lord!!! God revealed to us early on the HE would meet our puny strength with His Almighty Power!!

Each team in the churches were given about 200 power bands (Power Witnessing bracelets - show and tell salvation bracelets with leather bands and seven colored beads of salvation) to share the good news. They were in zip-lock bags with the Portuguese meaning enclosed. On Tuesday, Kevin and his group went to the local police department and shared his testimony and the gospel using the power bands. Fifteen policemen praved to receive Christ. At the evangelistic service that evening we decided to give each person present a power band and Kevin instructed them on how to use them to lead a friend or family member to Jesus. Kevin asked me to give the invitation and 22 came forward during the invitation (two to receive Christ and 20 on re-dedications), With three other professions of faith in homes, that

made a total of 40 decisions that day. Hallelujah!!!

We serve an Awesome God!!! People prayed to receive Christ each day in the homes and decisions were made in six of the seven services at the church. After

Sharing the Gospel B·L·W·F IN THE WORLD

six days of witnessing on the field, and two days of crusade rallies at the stadium, we returned to the host church. We had an unforgettable celebration, and evangelistic

service each evening at a church of 75-80 members. We praise God for the 54 professions of faith, 35 rededications, and 15 commitments to witnessing and evangelistic outreach. That totals 104 decisions for Christ. To God be all the honor!! All the glory!! All the praise!! It's not what man can do but what God can do through the power of the holy Spirit. He makes the impossible...probable.

This was one of the most fruitful of six partnership evangelism mission trips in which I have participated. Counting the people who had been won to Christ during the process of Crusade preparation, those won on the church fields and in the churches during the witnessing and evangelistic services, climaxing in the great crusade rallies at the stadium, we can rejoice with our Brazilian brothers and sisters over 6.162 total decisions and 5.438 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Let's join them in giving Our Great and Awesome God All the HONOR. ALL the GLORY And ALL The PRAISE!!

Don Greene

State Lay Revival Coordinator 1043 12th Ave NW, Magnolia Grove #2A Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 267-2133

## MEDICAL MISSIONS

## Medical Personnel Needed For Honduras

As part of the relief effort in Honduras, North Carolina Baptists have been asked to help provide much-needed medical assistance for those affected by Hurricane Mitch. As you are probably aware, over 60 inches of rain fell in Honduras in three days back in the fall, causing catastrophic flooding which resulted in tremendous loss of life and property. Many people suffered and continue to suffer a number of ailments as a result of the disaster.

We are sending a total of 10 medical teams during the course of 2000. Most teams are going to areas where medical attention is scarce. Working out of schools, churches, or other facilities, teams are providing clinics for those in the community. Team composition normally consists of three doctors, three to five nurses, three translators, and a helper or two.

Trips are nine days total. The \$750 cost includes air travel, incountry transportation, food, lodging, and trip insurance. A passport is necessary, but no visa is required. Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatítís A, and Hepatitis B shots are required for medical team members. Malaria medication is also recommended. Teams are gathering their own medicines and equipment. Most of the time, donated medicines can be secured.

The need is great. I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of one of these teams. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ at a time when many Hondurans are searching for answers. Following is a list of dates and personnel needed to fill out each team.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## India Medical/Dental Projects

Last summer's India Medical/Dental teams made great progress in taking the gospel to several regions of North India that had never had the gospel proclaimed there. If you would like the challenge of using your medical skills in difficult circumstances while proclaiming the gospel in new areas, prayerfully consider joining us in 2000.

> The trip dates are: June 3-20 June 24-July 11 July 15-August 1

If interested, contact Dan Bivins, North Carolína Baptíst Men's office, (800) 395-5102, ext. 327; e-mail glider5@aol.com or dbivins@bscnc.org



#### DATE OF TRIP

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May 15-23			3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers
June 14-22	and and an and an and an		3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers
July 19-27 .		i, perseni i en	3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers
August 16-2	24		3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers
September	14-22		3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers
October 18	-26		3 doctors, 3 translators, 4 nurses, 2 helpers

If interested, please contact Mark Abernathy, State Coordinator for Honduras Projects, Baptist State Convention, (800) 395-5102, ext. 335; email: maberna@bscnc.org

#### PRAYER SUPPORT

## Celebrate Jesus 2000 — The Lighthouse Movement

As we prepare for the New Millennium, homes across America are encouraged to make their homes a Lighthouse. This is about Christians of every age, race, gender, vocation, geographical location, denomination and church returning to the basics of Christian discipleship, submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and allowing His light to shine through us into the lives of others. It is a contemporary response to the call of Jesus to share His light with those who are in spiritual darkness.

By definition, a Lighthouse is "a gathering of two or more people in Jesus' name for the purpose of praying for, caring for, and sharing Christ with their neighbors and others in their sphere of influence." The Lighthouse concept and its growth into a movement have been a "God thing." God initiated it and continues to orchestrate it by His Holy Spirit.

The major prayer and evangelism initiative to prepare us for the New Millennium is "Celebrate Jesus 2000." The vision is for God to use His people to encourage Christians in America to pray for every man, woman, young person and child, and to lovingly and appropriately share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with them, by the end of the year 2000.

"Celebrate Jesus 2000" is a call to establish at least three million Lighthouses in the coming year. Participants include denominations such as the Assemblies of God and our own Southern Baptist Conventions, as well as ministries such as Promise Keepers and Campus Crusade for Christ. Other denominations, ministries and churches are joining the movement daily. Only our Lord knows how many Lighthouses will be established by the end of the year 2000.

Can you imagine what our Lord could do through millions of such Lighthouses throughout America. It could dramatically change the spiritual climate of this nation.

Please join with us in praying that our Lord will use the Lighthouse movement to bring revival to His church, spiritual awakening to the nation and a great spiritual harvest in the United States and around the world, for the glory of Jesus Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Coy Privette Statewide Prayer Coordinator 306 Cottage Drive Kannapolis, NC 28083 (704) 933-3734

## LAY RENEWAL

#### **Renewal Provides Jump Start**

Who has not had to contend with a car that simply would not start? The problem may be that the

battery was dead or, at least, insufficient to start the car. Perhaps it was the starter or maybe a bad connection. Although all of these things are serious and will need repair, the thing that saved your day was provided by those who give you a jump start.

Lay Renewal can do that for a church. The process calls for a team coordinator to bring a Renewal team to your church on a Friday night through Sunday afternoon. These ordinary Christian lay people share their journeys and experiences with your church people. They stay with you, share with you,

> pray with you, sing with you, and encourage you. The entire weekend is just as exciting for your church people as it is for the visitors. Although all services are good, usually the Sunday night service with just your people is the best.

The Church Renewal Journey involves spiritual awakening experiences such as the following weekends: Lay Renewal, Lay Ministry, Discipleship, and Experiencing God. Renewal is people sharing with others the reality of Jesus Christ in their daily lives.

It is not unusual for a church to need a jump start. Ask about Lay Renewal by contacting Ed Bullock, executive director of the NC Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship, (910) 739-6336 or Doug Jones, president, NC Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship, (252) 482-2407. For a packet of information, contact Lynn Tharrington, Baptist State Convention, (800) 395-5102, e-mail Itharri@bscnc.org; or use the form on the back of this issue.

## SPORTS IN MISSIONS

## Sports Skills Challenge

Have you ever heard of the Penelope Sports Skills Challenge? I didn't think so. Let me tell you about it right now. Penelope Baptist Church, located right on the Burke and Catawba County lines, has long been one of Theron Rankin Association's leading "on mission" churches, producing ministers and missionaries like Baptist Men's own Mark Abernathy. The last few years. however, they had seen a decline in church-based men's ministry. With the urging of intentional interim pastor Ed Stines and the dynamic leadership of Baptist Men's Director, Chuck Floyd, the men of the church have responded this year with a renewal of "missionary spirit," and the men's group has become very active this year.

The church is well blessed with facilities, including the Turner Fellowship Center gymnasium. Chuck called on us for help in exploring the possibilities for a sports-related ministry. Since our purpose is to help local churches involve their members in missions, we were delighted to offer assistance. Pastor Stines had impressed upon the leadership of the men's group his conviction that the church should be more diligent in reaching out to the unchurched children and youth in the area.

An invitation was issued for church members to meet who would be interested in a potential ministry using sports as a vehicle for evangelism. A core group of about 10 men and women has been involved with us in the planning and training for the program. At this writing, the training phase is underway. The children and youth of the church are involved in "field testing" the activities chosen for inclusion.

The Penelope Sports Skill Challenge is designed as a twohour session in which the participants are given the opportunity to engage in sports skills challenges related to eight different sports: baseball, basketball, bowling, football, golf, tennis, soccer, and volleyball. The youngsters are not competing as much against each other as they are just having fun while trying to improve their individual scores with each new attempt. A record of each participant's best effort is kept on file so that goals can be set for the next scheduled "Sports Skills Challenge" session. A record is also kept of each age group's top three scores in each event in order to establish "records to be broken."

At each station, participants are introduced to a celebrity from that sport who has a published Christian testimony, and a Bible verse is read and eventually memorized. The session's agenda includes a presentation of the plan of salvation, and everyone is invited to win life's greatest victory by receiving God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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## ROYAL AMBASSADORS/CHALLENGERS

## **Royal Ambassador Congress Date Set**

The Lad/Crusader Royal Ambassador Congress is one of the most exciting days for Royal Ambassadors across our state. Field activities, mission fair displays, RA racer competition and much more comprise the day. We will also hear from a missionary speaker on the great adventures serving Christ in other parts of our country and world.

The date for this year's Congress is Saturday, April 15. Three sites will host the RA Congress. The Western Congress will be held at East Burke Middle

School in Icard. The Central Congress will be held at Mills Children's Home in Thomasville. The Eastern Congress will be held at a location in Kinston to be announced. Cost is only \$5 per person and includes the program and lunch. Information and a registration form will be available in January. Put this date on your calendar. We want your RA chapter to experience what 1,200 boys experienced at the congress last year. For more information please check the appropriate box on the back page of this magazine or call



Tom Beam at the Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332.



## Thanks For Help With Camp Angel Tree And Camp Kid-Care

Two weeks of camp this past summer were dedicated to two very special groups of boys and girls. July 19-23 was Camp Angel Tree, a camp for boys who have a parent in prison. We had 48 boys participate in camp this year and many of those made decisions for Christ. These boys are a challenge, but they leave camp knowing that Christ loves them and wants to be a part of their lives. The staff comes away from this challenging week feeling as though they have really made a difference in lives that are desperately seeking something positive.

August 8-11 was Camp Kid-Care, a camp for boys and girls who are HIV positive or have a family member who is HIV positive. The purpose of this camp, which is cosponsored with the Baptist Aids Partnership, is to give children a chance to experience the outdoors and all of God's creativity. The counselors share the love of God in a way that shows God is with us through everything. All that participate in this camp receive blessings. Thanks to the staff, medical person-



nel and especially to the campers for making this years camp a blessing to all involved.

Neither of these camps would take place without your help. Many Baptists from across the state sponsored campers for these special sessions. Many others provided transportation to and from camp.



These efforts, along with your prayers for this ministry, are greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you from the bottoms of all the hearts of the boys and girls attending camp one of these weeks. There lives are better because they have heard the love of God shared and they have seen an example of the love of God from all those working with them.

It is our hope and prayer that once again we will be able to provide these two camps during the summer of 2000. We need your prayer support, financial support for scholarships, and you transportation help to make these two camps reality for over 100 boys and girls this summer.

Please check the box on the back of this magazine if you would like more information about sponsoring a child for camp or providing transportation for the camp participants or call Tom Beam at the Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332.

#### Camp Caraway Registration Will Begin Soon

Camp Caraway Registration for the summer of 2000 is right around the corner. We want each boy who has finished the 3rd grade-17 years old to participate in our camp this summer. We will have a quality staff to lead the boys through a great week of camp. The adventure of camp is one that boys will remember for the rest of their lives. We had 1,200 boys participate in camp during the summer of 1999. Over 500 decisions to follow Christ and to make Christ more real were made at camp this summer. We want your boy to experience the same. Camp Caraway is the Royal Ambassador camp for North Carolina; however, boys do not have to be RAs to participate. All boys are welcomed and encourage to experience CARAWAY! The weeks available for camp this summer are: June 12-16; June 19-23; June 26-30; July 3-5 (Father/Son); July 5-7 (Father/Son); July 10-14; July 17-21; July 24-28. July 30-August 2 is Camp Angel Tree and August 2-5 is Camp Kid-Care. The registration forms and a brochure are ready to be mailed out. To get your form you can check our web-site at www.campcaraway.org or check the appropriate box on the back of this magazine. You may also contact Tom Beam, the Director of Camp Caraway, at (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332.

## **RA Track Meet Scheduled**

Our Annual RA Track Meet for Lads, Crusaders, and Challengers is Saturday, May 13. We want you to participate in this event. This past May we had over 350 boys participate. Contact your local Baptist Association and ask them about the local RA Track Meet held on the Associational Level. All boys who place in the associational event will then have the opportunity to participate in the state level track meet. Get busy today and get you local Baptist Association to sponsor a track meet.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR/CHALLENGERS NEWS CONTINUED

#### **Distinguished Honor Chapters Recognized**

Three North Carolina Royal Ambassador Chapters have been selected as Distinguished Honor Chapters for 1998-1999. Every RA Chapter in North Carolina has the opportunity to participate in this award. The State RA Committee judges those chapters turning in scrapbooks to the Baptist Men office. The chapters meeting the requirements set out by the State RA Committee are recognized as Honor Chapters. The chapter going beyond the requirements in both mission and interest activities may be recognized as a Distinguished

Honor Chapter. The three chapters recognized as Distinguished Honor Chapters have proven through their scrapbooks an excitement and need to learn more about missions and to be on mission.

The three Crusader Chapters recognized as Distinguished Honor Chapters are Calvary Church in Asheville; Elizabeth Church in Shelby; and Northside Church in Greensboro. Each of these chapters displayed a very strong involvement in chapter meetings, projects, and interest activities. These three chapters are to be commended for their outstanding work and are great examples other RA Chapters can model.

A set of guidelines is available from the North Carolina Baptist Men's office for those Royal Ambassador Chapters seeking recognition as an Honor or Distinguished Honor Chapter. For more information or an Honor Chapter form, please check the appropriate box on the back page of this magazine or call Tom Beam in the Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332.



Distinguished RA Chapters: Left to right -- Northside Church, Greensboro; Elizabeth Church, Shelby; Calvary, Church, Asheville

## **Dates To Remember**

- REGISTRATION FOR CAMP CARAWAY: January-June 2000
  - LAD/CRUSADER CONGRESS: Saturday, April 15, 2000
- STATE-WIDE FATHER/SON OVERNIGHT: May 5-6, 2000
- CAMPCRAFT TRAINING: May 6, 2000
- LAD/CRUSADER/CHALLENGER TRACK MEET: Saturday, May 13, 2000
  - RA CAMPOREE: September 22-23, 2000 (Notice the DATE CHANGE)

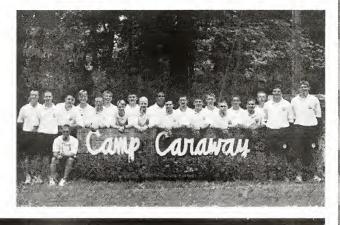
#### **Opportunity To Serve At Camp CaRAway**

"Camp CaRAway: An Experience to Grow On" This phrase embodies what camp is all about. Camp is an experience for college and high school-age young men to be involved in that will change their lives. For 37 years Camp CaRAway has been a place for these young men to use the gifts God has given them in an outdoor setting to share the Love of God and to minister to the needs of boys individually and as a group. The young men serving on the CaRAway staff grow in spirit and in truth during the summer months. In turn many of the staffers go on to serve God in full-time Christian Service as pastors, youth ministers, missionaries, etc.

A staff member of CaRAway oversees the physical, emotional, and spiritual well being of his campers 24 hours a day. This is a tremendous responsibility. The young men who work on staff have the opportunity to work with other dedicated and growing young Christian men who act as a support group, praying for and keeping each other accountable. The greatest gift is knowing a boy's life has been changed because of the care and love each boy is given through the camp experience. Fourteen college-aged counselors serve on the staff along with seven rising high school seniors, called counselors-in-training (CITs). A lifeguard is also hired for the summer. The summer consists of nine weeks, beginning in 2000 on June 4 and concluding August 5. The first week of camp is an orientation week. During this week the staff will learn all the basics of working and ministering to boys.

Prospective staff members fill out an application available through the North Carolina Baptist Men's office. They then have a personal interview with the Camp Director. All positions at camp are salaried. Counselors and Lifeguard make \$150 a week and CTFs make \$100 a week.

If you know a young man who is a growing Christian, loves to work in an outdoor setting, and would like to make a difference in the lives of countless boys, please have him contact Tom Beam at the North Carolina Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332 for more information and an application.



## Statewide Father/Son Weekend

We have scheduled a FATHER/SON weekend at CaRAway for May 5-6, 2000. This is an overnight event for Father and Son. The overnight will be for boys who are in grades 1-3. Boys must be accompanied by a dad, grandfather, uncle, or RA Counselor. Each adult may bring up to three boys. Counselors from Caraway will lead the program and boys will experience some of the activities that the summer weeks provide. The cost for the overnight is \$35 per person. More information will be available after January 1. Check the appropriate box on the back or call (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332 for more information.

#### **Campcraft Training**

Campcraft Training for RA leaders will be held May 5-6, 2000 at the Caraway Campground. This training is for those leaders interested in learning more about camping with RAs, how to encourage boys to pass off their Campcraft patches, and a general overview of the complete campcraft program. Check the box on the back of this magazine to receive more information about this training or call (800) 395-5102, ext. 332, or (919) 467-5100, ext. 332.

#### Developing "On Mission" Young Men with Challengers

We will be sharing some more of the improvements to the Challenger Program. These changes are designed to help us nurture young men who are "On Mission" with God and to help others become "On Mission" with God. The North American Mission Board has stated that God's Mission is: God wants to redeem all persons to Himself. He wants to restore the Broken relationships. They define "mission education" as: "developing on-mission Christians, learning to go to the world with the gospel.

This is a summary of the latest updates to the Challenger Program. These updates are available on the Internet at the North American Mission board web site (www.namb.net). Go to mission education and then to Challengers. For those of you who do not have access to the internet, these are the changes that are available. The new advancement programs "The Journey" and "The Quest" are available. The Journey is a four-to-six mile advancement program to replace the current one. This program is more spiritual-based and since it is more structured and similar, the national director, Alan Huesing hopes to improve the scholarship program. For younger Challengers, new Christians or unsaved young men in your group, we have "The Quest" program. It is a two-mile program to help build a young man to his salvation or strengthen him. If you have trouble down loading these advancement programs and the checklists to go with them, you can get them from the NC Baptist Men's office. Call John McGinnis or Carla Foster in the office, or contact me.

These programs in manual form, revised Bible studies (Journey ones will be a separate manual and the Quest ones will be in the quest manual), and a revised "Leading Challengers" manual should be ready by the National Challengers Rally in Gatlinburg, TN (February 11 to 13, 2000). In September 2000, both magazines will change some and become bi-monthly. The new names will be "Go, Challenge Edition" and "Go, Challenge Leader Edition." Also in September there will be available an annual plan book. This book will have the forms that are in the back of the "Leading Challengers" manual, the lesson plans for the year and other helps.

The National Challenger's Rally is in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The dates are February 11-13, 2000. A lot of the new material will be covered here, watch the magazines and the web site for more information.

NC Baptist Men will sponsor several events for youth next year that you and your Challengers will be encouraged to attend. Deep Impact will be at Caswell, two covering the spring breaks at Easter. The fist session is April 16-22, 2000 and the other is April 23-28, 2000. There will also be a session this summer, July 9-15, 2000. All three of these are based on the "Mission Boot Camp" that we used to have at Caswell. The young people will be offered a choice of several mission opportunities to do during the day and have worship every night. We are also scheduling a work weekend at Caswell August 18 and 19. 2000. Two weeks of the Honduran Partnership have been set aside for vouth. For more information contact the Baptist Men's office. We are also planning a state convention in either May or November.

If you have other questions or comments contact me, John McGinnis at the Baptist Building (ext. 340) or if you have questions nationally contact Alan Huesing (770) 410-6489.

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#### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHALLENGERS, YOUTH, AND YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

• Spring Break Deep Impact at Caswell - April 16-22, 2000 & April 23-28, 2000

- Student Volunteer Project to Rebuild Homes in Honduras College & BSU Week, May 22-30; Senior High Week I, June 22-30; Senior High Week II, July 21-29
  - End of the Summer Work Weekend at Caswell for Youth August 18-19

For additional information on the above opportunities, contact John McGinnis, Youth Consultant, Baptist Men's Office: (800) 395-5102, est. 340 or e-mail jmcginnis@bscnc.org

## **VOLUNTEER MISSIONS APPLICATION**

Application Deadline: January 1, 2000

Please complete and return this form if you are interested in participating in a short-term volunteer mission trip.

#### We are interested in serving in (check all that apply):

- 🗅 Alaska Partnership
- Appachian Regional Ministry Project
- South Africa/Swaziland/Lesotho Partnership
- Honduras Project
- Working with a NC Language Church

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#### AVAILABLE DATES & TYPE OF PROJECTS WHICH INTEREST YOU

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Please describe any previous mission trip experience:

*Please return form to:* Partnership Missions Office, Baptist State Convention of NC, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or fax to (919) 460-6329. If you have questions, call (800) 395-5102, ext. 331.

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